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SUBJ: IAEA ASSISTANCE TO OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES

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1. WE APPRECIATE MISSION'S THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS AND
TIMELY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATEMENT OF US POSITION ON
IAEA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO OIL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES. USUN
141, WHICH CONTAINS STATEMENT DELIVERED IN SOMEWHAT SIMILAR
CONTEXT BY AMBASSADOR FERGUSON TO UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL
MEETING JANUARY 17, HAS BEEN REPEATED TO YOU.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT SITUATION IN IAEA, HOWEVER, WARRANTS
SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT APPROACH INITIALLY. OUR MAJOR OBJECTIVE
SHOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE THOSE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH
ARE BENEFITING FROM QUANTUM INCREASES IN REVENUES DUE TO
MAJOR INCREASES IN OIL EXPORT EARNINGS TO CONTRIBUTE SIG-
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NIFICANTLY ON TRADITIONAL VOLUNTARY BASIS TO RESOURCES FOR
IAEA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. AS RECOMMENDED BY
MISSION WE SHOULD URGE SUCH FORTUNATELY SITUATED DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES TO JOIN WITH US AND OTHER DONORS TO EXPAND

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO AGENCY TO ASSIST COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NO OTHER WAY OF OBTAINING HELP. POTENTIAL INCREASE IN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE GREATER THAN AMOUNTS GENERATED BY REQUIRING OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO FINANCE THEIR OWN ASSISTANCE. IN ADDITION, IF IAEA TA PROJECTS ARE

MADE SUBJECT TO MEANS TEST BASED PRIMARILY ON OIL INCREASED REVENUES, THIS WOULD RAISE FOR DISCUSSION ENTIRE QUESTION OF AGENCY'S TA CRITERIA INCLUDING RELATIVE PER CAPITA GNP LEVELS. SOME OF LESS AFFLUENT OIL PRODUCERS WOULD LIKELY CONTEST AGENCY'S RELATIVELY HIGH AND CONSISTENT TA GRANTS TO RECIPIENTS SUCH AS ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL.

3. ACCORDINGLY, US STATEMENT AT FEBRUARY 12 BOARD MEETING SHOULD INCLUDE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) FROM BEGINNING IAEA HAS MADE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO A BROAD SEGMENT OF ITS MEMBERSHIP. DEFINITION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE BEEN RECIPIENTS OF AGENCY PROGRAMS HAS BEEN LIBERAL ONE, IN RECOGNITION OF PRACTICAL DIFFERENCES OF VARIOUS LEVELS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. US WISHES TO SEE THE IAEA CONTINUE TO BE PRINCIPAL ORGANIZATION TO WHICH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND OTHER MEMBERS AS WELL CAN TURN FOR ASSISTANCE IN PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY.

(B) WE RECOGNIZE ALSO THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES, ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL, AFFECTING AGENCY'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. COSTS OF EXPERTS, EQUIPMENT AND FELLOWSHIPS HAVE RISEN SHARPLY IN COMPARISON TO AGENCY'S RESOURCES. AT SAME TIME DEMAND FOR IAEA SERVICES HAS GONE UP, THROUGH INCREASED MEMBERSHIP, GENERAL ADVANCES IN KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGY OF USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND THE QUICKENING INTEREST IN NUCLEAR ENERGY AS A SOURCE OF POWER.

(C) IN CONNECTION WITH GROWING CALL FOR EXPANSION OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THE IAEA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WE BELIEVE THERE ARE A NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND RECIPIENTS WHO ARE NOW IN A POSITION TO CONTRIBUTE MORE SUBSTANTIALY TO AGENCY RESOURCES. AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE OIL PRODUCING NATIONS ARE EXPERIENCING SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN THEIR HARD CURRENCY EARNINGS, A SITUATION WHICH IS LIKELY TO PREVAIL IN THE FUTURE. A NUMBER OF THESE COUNTRIES ARE ACHIEVING AT THE SAME TIME A VERY HIGH PER CAPITA GNP.

(D) THE US URGES THAT THOSE COUNTRIES ENJOYING HIGH EXPORT EARNINGS AND WHICH HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO JOIN THE RANKS OF MEMBERS PLEDGING VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN

SUPPORT OF THE AGENCY'S TA PROGRAMS. THE US FURTHER ENCOURAGES THOSE MEMBERS ALREADY PARTICIPATING TO INCREASE SIGNIFICANTLY THEIR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS KIND OF SUPPORT BY THE MORE PRIVILEGED OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD BE A

WELCOME REAFFIRMATION OF THE AGENCY'S OBJECTIVE OF MAKING THE BENEFITS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

(E) WE RECOMMEND ALSO THAT AGENCY AND ITS MEMBERS EXPLORE OTHER POSSIBLE WAYS OF EXPANDING TA RESOURCES, INCLUDING ENCOURAGING RECIPIENTS WITH LARGE EXPORT EARNINGS AND RAPIDLY RISING PER CAPITA GNP TO MAKE USE OF FUNDS-IN-TRUST ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTIAL AND/OR FULL REIMBURSEMENT OF TA PROJECTS.

4. EFFECTIVENESS OF APPEAL TO OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO INCREASE THEIR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD CERTAINLY BE STRENGTHENED BY SIMILAR STATEMENTS FROM OTHER LESS FORTUNATE LDC'S. WE MUCH FAVOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS INDICATED PARA 7 REFTTEL.

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